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# Office Action Summary

Application No.  
**08/418,823**

Applicant(s)

**Washino et al.**

Examiner

**Howard W. Britton**

Group Art Unit  
**2615**



☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7-24 and 10-13-95

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire THREE month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☒ Claim(s) 10-16 is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-8 is/are rejected.

☒ Claim(s) 2 and 9 is/are objected to.

☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been  
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 5, 7

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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1. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --  
(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1, 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by CASH (5,481,297). Note Fig. 1, col. 4, lines 50-61.

4. Claim 2 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is not readily apparent from the specification what the antecedent disclosure is for "means for sensing an attribute of the image associated with at least one of the video cameras, the existence of the attribute being used as

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the basis for generating an externally derived command".  
Clarification is required.

5. Claim 7 is rejected under U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over CASH, as above, in view of PAFF (5,526,133).

CASH discloses all the subject matter claimed, except for the use of magnetic tape as a high-capacity storage medium.

PAFF teaches the use of magnetic tape as a high-capacity storage medium for the purpose of storing information in a windowed computer controlled surveillance system.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use magnetic tape as a high-capacity storage medium for the purpose of storing information in a windowed computer controlled surveillance system in order to readily store large amounts of video data.

6. Claim 8 is rejected under U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over CASH, as above, in view of SHINBO (5,027,222).

CASH discloses all the subject matter claimed, except for the use of a magnetic disk as a high-capacity storage medium.

SHINBO teaches the use of a magnetic disk as a high-capacity storage medium for the purpose of storing information in a compressed video storage system.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a magnetic disk as a high-capacity storage medium for the purpose of storing information in a windowed computer controlled surveillance system in order to readily store large amounts of video data.

7. Claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

WATANABE	5,272,527
ODLE	5,491,511
McGARY	5,521,634.

9. Claims 9-16 are allowable over the prior art of record.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Howard W. Britton whose telephone number is (703) 305-4724. The examiner

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can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tommy Chin, can be reached on (703) 305-4715. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-5399.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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